



Start and end of route:

On street parking on Kneeton Road, East Bridgford, NG13 8PJ
SK 72088 42978

Distance: 5 miles/8 kms

Time: 1.5 - 2 hrs

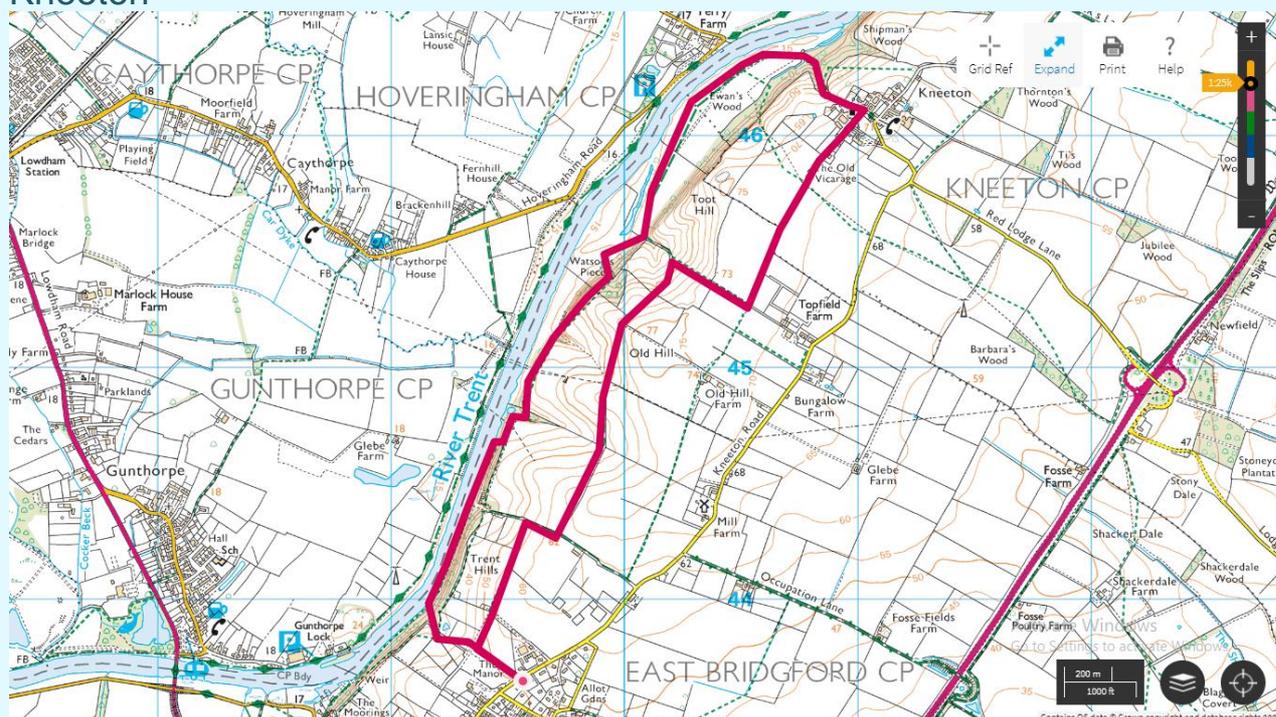
Suitability: Suitable for walkers or runners only

Refreshments and toilets: A small shop and The Royal Oak pub in East Bridgford.

Brief description of route: A walk of just under 5 miles, hugging the River Trent before rising sharply at Kneeton to enjoy views for miles around on your return journey.

Route map:

<https://osmaps.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/route/1008302/East-Bridgford-and-Kneeton>





Directions:

1. Heading out of East Bridgford, along Kneeton Road take the first footpath, on the left, across a field. Follow this path downhill to the River Trent, ignoring two other footpaths off to the right. When you reach the River Trent, turn right and follow this path, ignoring all other paths off to the right, for almost 2.5 miles. Look out for buzzards and other wildlife along this quiet path.
2. It is still clear, on an OS map, where a path led down to the river bank for the old ferry to cross to Hoveringham. This crossing was used for many years including during WWII, by airmen from RAF Syston going on a night out to The Elm Tree pub on the opposite side of the river. Just after this you finally turn steeply right, up a rough track, into Kneeton; a village with a population of under 100 people.
3. Turn right at the church and continue straight on to a footpath when the lane runs out. Take the time to stop and look at the views surrounding you and back down to the river. On a clear day you can see as far as Belvoir Castle to your left and the hills around Mansfield to your right.
4. Pass by the first footpath off to the right but take the second one, at just over 3 miles. This drops you steeply downhill until you emerge onto a bridlepath. Turn left along this undulating path for a mile. Reaching a junction in your path, turn right on the bridlepath and then quickly left onto a footpath.
5. Gunthorpe, with its busy riverside pubs, cafes and marina, can be seen across the river. The path will take you back to the field where you started your journey. Turn left back to the road and your car.

Activity

Optional – The high vantage point as you head back is the perfect spot to stop and sketch the landscape of the Trent Valley and beyond